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SUBJ: BIO ON INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO SRI LANKA

REF: COLOMBO 2338

1. THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE BIO REGISTER CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFO:

"GONSALVES, ALFRED S.; B. MARCH 24, 1932; ED. B.A. (HONS.) MADRASO APPOINTED TO JUNIOR SCALE OF IFS 1-5-54; RBUNDER TRAINING IN INDIA AND ABROAD UP TO APRIL 57; THIRD SECRETARY, EMBASSY OF INDIA, MOSCOW FROM JUNE 57 TO 1-5-59; FIRST SECRETARY, MOSCOW BHOM 1-5-59; UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FROM NOV. 61 TO MAY 63; DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FROM 13-5-63; FIRST SECRETARY, PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIUIN NEW YORK FROM 20-2-67. CFL., RUSSIAN; MT., KONKANI; KNOWS TAMIL."

2. THE DEPT WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT OF GONSALVES FROM WASHINGTON VANTAGE POINT. OUR IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT HE APPEARS TO BE ONE OF THE MORE FRANK, BLUNT, AND ACCESSIBLE OF INDIAN DIPLOMATS. HE IS THE RARE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WHO DOES NOT HESITATE TO TAKE ISSUE WITH HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS AND WHO APPEARS TO MAKE AN ACITVE EFFORT TO SHIFT GOVT POLICY WHEN HE SEES THIS
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AS DESIRABLE. HE IS FRIENDLY TO THE US AND LIKES AMERICANS.

3. HE WILL BE IN THE CURIOUS POSITION IN SRI LANKA OF
BEING AT THE RECEIVING END OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS BROTHER
ALFRED, WHO IS JOINT SECRETARY (SOUTH ASIA) IN THE MEA
AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SRI LANKA AMONG NEWER COUNTRIES.
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